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1. FOLLOWING TRANSMITS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE RELEASED AT
END OF COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING MAY 6. EMBASSY
COMMENT ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF COMMUNIQUE WILL BE SUBMITTED
IN SEPTELS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

FOLLOWING IS THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE
COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING
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" COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MET IN KINGSTON FROM 29 APRIL
TO 6 MAY. ALL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED, TWENTY-
EIGHT BY THEIR PRESIDENTS OR PRIME MINISTERS. THE PRIME MINISTER
OF JAMAICA WAS IN THE CHAIR

"THIS WAS THE FIRST HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE CARIBBEAN. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE TO COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY PROVIDED BY HIS GOVERNMENT

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXTENDED A CORDIAL GREETING TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA WHOSE COUNTRY HAD BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING. HE AFFIRMED THAT A REQUEST FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR COMMONWEALTH MEMBERSHIP ON THE ATTAINMENT OF ITS INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE WELCOMED.

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE NORMAN KIRK, PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, AND RECALLED WITH RESPECT AND AFFECTION HIS DEED AND PRACTICAL CONCERN FOR HUMANITY AND HIS OUTSTANDING PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN COMMONWEALTH

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED THE VALUE THEY ATTACH TO THESE MEETINGS AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS.

"THEY NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE INCREASING USE BEING MADE OF COMMONWEALTH MACHINERY TO FURTHER PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMONWEALTH DECLARATION AND TO PROMOTE CONSULTATION, CO-OPERATION AND COLLABORATIVE ACTION ACROSS AND WITHIN REGIONS

"SUCH CONSULTATION FORMED AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CONTRIBUTION COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES MAKE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PATTERN OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE SIGNIFICANT SHIFTS IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER

HARMONY

HEADS OF GOVERNMENT URGED THAT THE COMMONWEALTH INITIATIVES ALREADY TAKEN TO THIS END SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED SO AS TO PROMOTE UNCLASSIFIED

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PEACE AND SECURITY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HARMONY AMONG RACES. "THE REDUCTION OF CONTINUING UNACCEPTABLE ECONOMIC DISPARITIES, THE SHIFTING BALANCE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER, AND COLONIALISM AND RACIALISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WERE THE MAIN PREOCCUPATIONS OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT RECALLED THE STATEMENT IN THE DECLARATION OF COMMONWEALTH PRINCIPLES: 'WE BELIEVE THAT THE WIDE DISPARITIES IN WEALTH NOW EXISTING BETWEEN DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF MANKIND ARE TOO GREAT TO BE TOLERATED', AND PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO PROMOTE A NEW AND EQUITABLE ECONOMIC ORDER.

WORLD AND COMMONWEALTH TRENDS

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REVIEWED POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD WHICH HAD OCCURRED SINCE THEY LAST MET IN THE LIGHT OF THE VARIED INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE TO A MEASURE OF RELAXATION IN INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND CALLED FOR ITS UNIVERSAL APPLICATION.

"THEY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE SOME CRISIS AREAS IN THE WORLD WHERE PEACE AND STABILITY WERE NOT YET SECURED AND WHICH WERE STILL SUBJECT TO SUPER POWER RIVALRY AND INTERFERENCE. THEY

STRESSED THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY COULD NOT BE LEFT TO ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE SUPER POWER, BUT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT LAID PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH TO MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND UNDERLINED THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMONWEALTH MEMBER COUNTRIES TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE SEARCH FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA

DISARMAMENT

HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN AT THE CONTINUED TESTING AND PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND REAFFIRMED THE NEED FOR URGENT MEASURES TO FACILITATE A COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS AS ONE ESSENTIAL STEP TOWARDS GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE STEP INTERNATIONAL CONTROL

CYPRUS

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE CONTINUATION OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS, EXPRESSED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO HELP IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BASED ON THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.

"THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3212 (XXIX) AND SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION 365 (1974) AND 367 (1975) AND IN PARTICULAR THEY CALLED FOR THE SPEEDY WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN ARMED FORCES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, FOR THE TAKING OF URGENT MEASURES FOR THE RETURN OF ALL REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMES IN SAFETY AND FOR CONTINUED EFFORTS THROUGH THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS TO REACH FREELY AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT

".THEY NOTED THE SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS APPROACHED THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNDER THE PERSONAL AUSPICES AND DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE

WOULD BE FRUITFUL.

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AS A CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF THEIR INTEREST AND CONCERN FOR A FELLOW COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY AGREED TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, BRITAIN, GUYANA, INDIA, KENYA, MALTA, NIGERIA AND ZAMBIA TO MEET WITH THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING CYPRUS, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASSIST IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TOWARDS THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

MIDDLE EAST

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE RENEWED DANGER OF CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY REEMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DURABLE PEACE IN THE AREA AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AND URGED ALL PARTIES TO RENEW THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.
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"TO THIS END HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR FOR THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND THEIR BELIEF THAT TO ENSURE SUCCESS IT WAS NECESSARY THAT THE AUTHENTIC AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THE FORTHCOMING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA.

INDIAN OCEAN

"NOTING THAT THE INDIAN WAS A REGION OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO AS SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED THE DESIRABILITY OF ENSURING THAT IT REMAINED AN AREA OF PEACE AND STABILITY. SERIOUS CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT THE INCREASE IN NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA ON THE PART OF THE GREAT POWERS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION THERE OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CALLED UPON ALL NATIONS AND PARTICULARLY THE GREAT POWERS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO WORK TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARING THE INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE.

SOUTH ASIA

"THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT NOTED THAT POSITIVE STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THE PROCESS OF NORMALISATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH ASIAN SUBCONTINENT. HOWEVER, THEY EXPRESSED THEIR GRAVE CONCERN AT THE IMPEDIMENT TO NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS POSED BY CERTAIN OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS RESULTING IN THE AGGRAVATION OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND THE RETARDATION OF THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION IN BANGLADESH. THESE PROBLEMS INCLUDE THE REPATRIATION OF NATIONALS AND THE SHARING OF ASSETS.

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PROBLEMS WILL BE RESOLVED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND SATISFACTORILY THROUGH DIS-

CUSSIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED IN THE LARGER INTEREST
OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

INDO-CHINA

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE END OF THE PROLONGED WAR IN
INDO-CHINA, URGED COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO CONTRIBUTE TO
INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE URGENT TASKS OF REHABILITATION
AND RECONSTRUCTION AND LOOKED FORWARD TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF
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THE REGION PLAYING THEIR FULL PART IN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS.

THE CARIBBEAN

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT STRONGLY REAFFIRMED THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE
IN EACH COUNTRY TO CHOOSE THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH THEY
CONSIDERED BEST ABLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
GOALS.

BELIZE

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OFFERED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ASPIR-
ATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE. NOTING
THAT TALKS HAD RECENTLY BEEN RESUMED WITH GUATEMALA AND BEARING
IN MIND THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF BRITAIN AS THE ADMIN-
ISTERING POWER. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT URGED THE PARTIES TO
TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION FOR A SPEEDY SOLUTION OF THE

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